booked and punished for such malpractices during this period; and

(c) The measures Government have taken for plugging the loopholes in reservations?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) During the period from April to June, 1990, 331 cases of malpractices in railway reservations were detected.

(b) During the above-mentioned period, 300 employees have been booked for disciplinary action and 289 punished following such action. Most of the staff punished were, however, booked earlier.

(c) Important steps taken for plugging loop-holes are as follows:—

(i) Frequent checks by the Commercial & Vigilance Departments at Reservation Offices and on trains to detect malpractices on the part of staff and passengers, such as travelling on transferred reservations or on tickets in fictitious names purchased from unauthorised sources etc.

(ii) Deterrent punishment to staff in proven cases of malpractices.

(iii) Raids on touts and unauthorised travel agents who corner reservation illegally.

(iv) Computerisation of railway reservation.

(v) Announcements through press and radio regarding availability of berths on important trains.

(vi) Deterrent action for transfer of tickets and unauthorisedly carrying on the business of procuring and supplying of railway tickets.

Animal Husbandry development in Orissa

495. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the Advice of the Danish International Development Agency the Government of Orissa have submitted a proposal for Animal Husbandry development covering two sub-divisions of Koraput District of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far by Government in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India have recommended a project proposal for Animal Husbandry development in Koraput District under Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) assistance. The project is under appraisal by DANIDA in consultation with the State Government.

Allotment of land to group housing Co-op. Societies

496. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1074 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th May, 1990 and state:

(a) the reasons for not drawing a time schedule for allotment of plots as a period of eight years has already passed;

(b) whether DDA propose to send an interim communication to all eligible societies in the waiting list indicating the likely time by when they would get the allotment; and

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?